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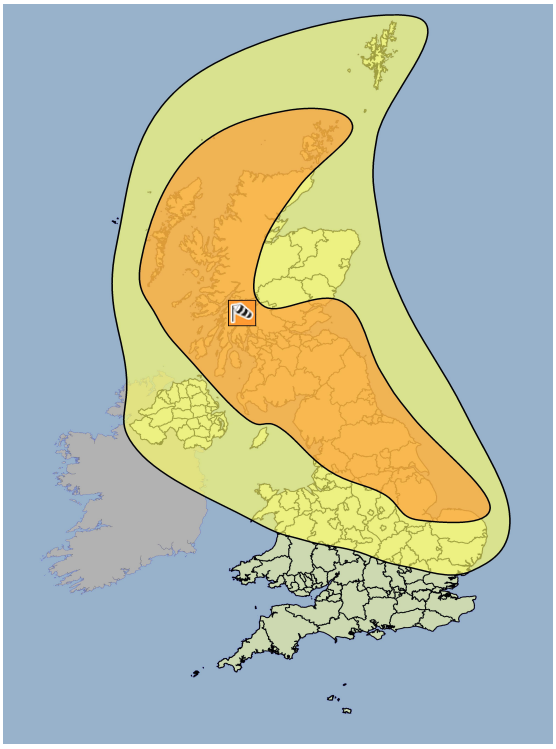

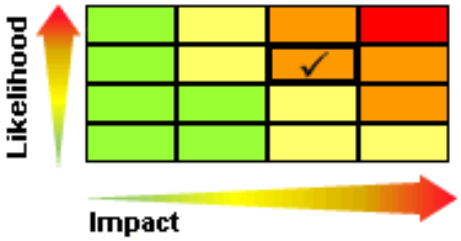

Chief Forecasters Assessment
Warm air crossing the Atlantic will encounter very cold arctic air which will cause a low pressure system to develop later on Wednesday. This low pressure will then deepen rapidly on Wednesday night and Thursday morning, tracking quickly eastwards to the north of Scotland as it does so. As this system moves eastwards into Scandinavia it will to bring very strong westerly winds to northern and central parts of the UK during Thursday. The winds will then veer northwesterly and will bring much colder arctic air southwards across northern areas before easing into Friday. A combination of large waves, surge and high tides may also give rise to some coastal flooding, especially along the East Coast of England, southeast Scotland, north Wales and northwest England.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **02:00 on Thu, 05th Dec 2013** until **16:00 on Thu, 05th Dec 2013**

Westerly gales are expected to spread southwards across northern and central areas of the UK on Thursday, with widespread gusts of 60 to 70 mph. However within the area of the amber warning gusts are expected to reach 80 mph in places and perhaps as high as 90 mph in exposed parts of the north and west of Scotland.

Winds will veer northwesterly and begin to ease during the afternoon, with the strongest winds becoming confined to eastern coastal areas by the evening.

There is also the potential for significant coastal flooding along the East Coast of England, parts of southeast Scotland, north Wales and northwest England. This may include flooding affecting parts of coastal communities and travel disruption along coastal routes.

The public should be prepared for the potential for significant disruption.

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